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Our Reference: LD 135432 GECZ 2 00680

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTERATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.
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Serial No.: 10/667,545	Filing Date: Sept. 22, 2003	Examiner: Thuy V. Tran
Group Art Unit: 2821	Invention: METHOHD AND APPARATUS FOR A VOLTAGE CONTROLLED START-UP CIRCUIT FOR AN ELECTRONIC BALLAST	

To the Assistant Commissioner of Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Rate
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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2004, on the
above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins
on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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1731, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 on the date indicated below.

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